

The Temperance Cause.

THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE.

BY MAJOR G. W. MALET.

In the C. E. T. S., the colour of the ribbon is: For the Temperance Section, Red; for the Children's Band of Hope, White; for the Abstinence Section, Blue.

When drink spreads its wide desolation, And threatens our land to deform, To the Captain of human salvation Let us look as our Guide in the storm, Under the Church Temperance banner, To the vows of your childhood be true, To the world by example and manner Show your zeal for the Red, White, and Blue.

In Red, see the blood of the Martyrs Who died the Lord's battles to win; Oh, shame on the coward who barters His soul for the "wages of sin." For the Faith of the Church pull together, To her precepts and doctrine be true; The Temperance Army for ever, And its ribbon—the Red, White, and Blue.

Like White, in its brightness excelling All colours, should that man be pure Who hopes to inherit the dwelling Which they shall receive who endure. In the depth of the Blue, read the story Of constancy faithful and true As shown in the firmament's glory— May God bless the Red, White, and Blue.

THE BISHOP OF MASSA CHUSETTS ON TEMPERANCE WORK.

In Bishop Paddock's address to the Convention of 1884, published in the journal of that convention, we find these strong and earnest words which must carry conviction to the hearts of all Churchmen, and other Christians who still remain indifferent to the matter:

"I am more and more persuaded that our clergy and laity are derelict in duty to God and their fellow-men, and unfaithful as representatives of the Church of Christ, unless they are awake and thoroughly in earnest in this matter of the guilt and power of intemperance. Unquestionably, as all statutes show, it is the monster sin of the age, dragging in its train many of our chiefest woes. It is daring, defiant, organized, rich, lawless, fearing neither God nor man. The day has gone by for devout Christians to rest content with picking flaws in some intensely earnest organizations, and seeing no flaw in absolute indifference and inaction. God will hold us responsible for the awful damning, soul-destroying progress of a sin which, if all the Christian people of this commonwealth would unite in attacking, could, in three years be driven into the very holes and dens of the earth, if it could no longer live and breathe anywhere."

A secular paper published in Boston, after quoting the above stirring words, adds:—

The most noticeable feature of the temperance reform of to-day is the attitude of the two great conservative churches of the world which have so long kept wholly aloof, or openly opposed the efforts of other Christian bodies to stem the tide of the great drink evil. To-day we see the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, both in England and America, coming to the front, in hearty sympathy and

cordial co-operation with other organizations for the suppression of intemperance and the liquor traffic. The Catholic clergy are also strongly aroused; and we find them bringing to bear upon this evil the tremendous power of that church, which claims to hold in its hands the keys of heaven and hell, and threatening with its extreme penalty the victims of this sin of indulgence in strong drink. It is not so very long ago that the very name of temperance reform was an offence in the eyes of all churchmen, either lay or clerical; and now it is safe to assert that much of the most powerful work of the day in temperance reform is that which is being done under the auspices of the Church of England. The growth of temperance sentiment in that country within the past few years has been marvellous, but it was not until this powerful church, which represents fully half of the English people, began to grapple in earnest with the drink problem that any appreciable effects upon the drinking habits of the masses were produced. The Episcopal Church has not the hold upon the masses in America which other churches have, but in the rising tide of popularity, which is one of the gratifying aspects of the day to a churchman, this power is daily increasing, and the American church is also taking a positive stand on the right side of the temperance question.

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